

**Committee on Community Safety**  
**June 18, 2009 Summary**  
**Audiotape and Minutes of the meeting is available at Town Clerk's Office**

**1. Call to order:** 7:05 pm

- Tim Manke chaired the meeting in the absence of Chair, Tony Casasanta.

**Present:** Dave Tompkins, Sheryl Werner, Mitch Page, Tim Manke

**Absent:** Tony Casasanta, Chris Ganzer, Mike Pizzuto

**Also attending:** Kris Nasinnyk, Town Council Liaison, Tom Bowen, Town Council, Myra Cohen, Town Council, Ken Freidenberg, Director of Human Services, Michael Webster, Police Dept., Ken O'Brien, Police Dept., Rosemarie Sarubbi-Lyons

**2. Approval of 5/21/09 Summary** – Unanimously Approved

**3. Public Participation** – Rose Lyons expressed disappointment regarding Safe Routes to Schools grant.

**4. Committee Outreach**

- Dave Tompkins gave an overview of the last meeting discussing the PowerPoint presentation and feedback received from those attending including Mayor Wright.
- The Committee decided to continue outreach to community groups.
- The Committee agreed that the community asset building model was something to pursue with hope that the new Superintendent of Schools would be receptive.
- Officer Webster suggested the Committee offer to present the PowerPoint and facilitate a brief discussion at the Senior and Disabled Center picnic on July 24. The Police usually do a program and suggested this to obtain input from a large group of participants who attend the annual picnic. The Police will attend as well. Ken Freidenberg will contact Director Dianne Stone to follow up.
- Mitch Page will contact PTO, PTA, PAC Presidents to invite them to the next Committee meeting on July 16 to present the PowerPoint. He will also request making presentations at their meetings in the fall.
- Mitch Page will write an article about the Safety Committee and contact Newington Life. Sheryl Werner will contact Newington Town Crier.
- There was some discussion about funding options for the asset model. Most thought it was possible since the cost is approximately \$6,000.

**5. Other Business**

- Mitch Page requested that the Police and Human Services provide an update on trends. Officer Webster reported less graffiti than last year, some vandalism, impact of cyberbullying has increased and is being addressed in the new curriculum replacing the DARE program. Ken Freidenberg reported fewer cases for Juvenile Review Board this fiscal year than last year - 12 vs. 34; more referrals for the Youth and Family Counseling program especially the impact of the economy causing stress on the family. See attached JRB report.
- It was suggested that the Town Manager monthly report be shared with the Committee which includes a breakdown of Police statistics.

- Tom Bowen raised concerns regarding a need for activities and a place to go for adolescent youth particularly during the summer, evenings and after-school. Officer O'Brien reported there were youth who the Police have stopped for loitering in the Town Center who say they have no other place to go. There was an extensive discussion by those present. The Committee asked that Parks and Recreation, Human Services and Police discuss this further at the next meeting.
- There was a brief discussion about the Martin Kellogg neighborhood with an explanation by Officer Webster regarding the Police stealth survey and the Consulting Engineer's report.

**6. Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm



Respectfully Submitted: Ken Freidenberg, Director of Human Services  
Next Meeting: Thursday July 16 at 7pm